

University of Bristol Expedition Society (UBES)



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Date:	Saturday 25 th March 2023 from 20:30 GMT
Venue:	Low Hollows Campsite, Threlkeld, Keswick, The LakeDistrict, CA12 4SZ
Compiled by:	James C. Harris – Secretary
Verified by:	
Full Member Attendees:	67
Full Member Absentee Votes:	20
Quoracy:	Quorate (87 voters exceeds 37)

Welcome

20:30 - Opening Ceremony

New members were given 10mins to create an opening ceremony to be performed at the start of the AGM.

The resulting performance involved a dancing, chanting and singing a rendition of “Euphoria” by Laureen to the outgoing president David Exton round the fires. Committee were both impressed by the coordination of the performance and quality of singing while haunted and disturbed by the almost cult-like dedication to UBES. Although the president feared for his life during the final act of the performance, the secretary and fellow observers were in hysterics.

20:45 – Introduction

The proceedings and rules of the AGM was laid out by the secretary James Harris. This was drawn out due to fill time while walk leaders finished squabbling over routes for Sunday.

A break in proceedings occurred to allow for members to attend Sunday route signups, while the Secretary enjoyed the fires with the Scout Quatermaster.

21:05 – President Speech

David Exton and Jack Kanutin

- Highest Number of Trips ever undertaken
- Largest Membership - 318
- Largest AGM suffrage
- Biggest committee
- Thanks to committee, personal thanks and thanks to members and community

21:10 – Treasurers Speech

Isaac Ogden

- Thanks for timeliness of payments
- Apologies to secretary for multiple reports
- £14,961 in bank
- Member income of £6,005
- Trips lost £300 over the year (excl. AGM and Backpacking 2)
- £3,000 on refurbishing kit
- £250 on socials
- Yearly turnover of £41,000

Awards:

- Trip closest to breaking even – Snowdonia 1
- Expense claimer of the year – Jack Kanutin at £2,300

21:05 – Social Sec Report

Eva Livingstone and Arya Rassi – Completed as a rap battle as stipulated by the unofficial constitution.

Covered all the socials in the year, from Mendips to Halloween, Pancake day etc.

Constitution Changes

21:17 – Confirmation of SU General Policy changes in the year – David Exton

Changes including Associated Members cannot vote in elections

Passed

21:19 – Communications Officer as a full role on the UBES Committee

- For: 85
- Against: 2
- Abstain: 0

Passed

Committee Elections

21:22 – President

Candidates: Eva Livingstone, Jim Hobson

Elected: Eva Livingstone

21:34 – Vice President

Candidates: Isaac Ogden, Jack Kanutin

Elected: Isaac Ogden

21:38 – Secretary

Candidates: Robyn Franklin, Julian Hird

Elected: Robyn Franklin

21:41 – Treasurer

Candidates: Josh Saunders, Isaac Ogden

Elected: Josh Saunders

21:50 Procedures were temporarily halted as members moved indoors into the Barn

21:53 – Equality and Diversity Officer

Candidates: Amara, Charmaine Sew, Diego

Elected: Charmaine

STV voting was used, where the Vice President used 7 rounds of voting to decide on the victor. It was a close race with 2 votes between Charmaine Sew and Diego

22:08 – Communication Officer

Candidates: Emily Clarke, Joel McGraw

Elected: Emily Clarke

22:19 – Climbing Officers

Candidates: Anna Moller, Sam Riley, Alfie Cross

Elected: Alfie Cross, Stan Riley

Bog Roll STV was employed for the election of the Climbing Officers. The voting slips were used as toilet paper after the election.

21:30 – CEILIDH Dance BREAK

21:45 – Kit and Safety Officers

Candidates: Charmaine Sew, Joel McGraw and Jack Tindal

Elected: Joel McGraw and Jack Tindal

Bog roll STV was once again employed in the election of the Kit and Safety Officers. Distain grew among members of the tediousness of ranking members on toilet paper. Voting slips were recycled as toilet paper for the rest of the weekend.

23:00 - Expedition Officers

Candidates: Jane Williamson, Tommaso Barbieri, Jim Hobson, Isaac Ogden

Elected: Jane Williamson, Tommaso Barbieri

23:09 – Social Secretaries

Candidates: Jacob Cox, Jas Schofield, Arya Rassi, Max Moorcroft

Elected: Jacob Cox, Jas Schofield

In the heat of the election, an impromptu Sock Wrestling match was declared between Arya Rassi and Jacob Cox. Although initially ruled out by the Secretary, the President used an executive order to override the decision. This was universally enjoyed by the members due to the stress of Bog Roll STV voting in the prior elections.

23:20 – Postgraduate Officers

Candidates: Hannah Lidgett, Anna Moller, Isaac Ogden

Elected: Hannah Lidgett, Anna Moller

23:26 – Development Officer

Candidates: Jim Hobson, Arya Rassi, Isaac Ogden

Elected: Jim Hobson

23:31 – Webmaster

Candidates: Thomas Hunter, Ben Heath

Elected: Thomas Hunter

Homemade Focaccia bread was distributed by Thomas Hunter's Proxy as a mid-election snack. The Secretary was notified that this was in no shape a bribe for members to vote for Thomas Hunter and was in accordance with past trip etiquette.

23:39 - UBESter of the Year

Isaac Ogden read out the award for UBESter of the Year, a community award for a member who has embodied the spirit of the outdoors and the community.

The 2023 Award was given to Thomas Hunter

Honorable mentions to Jane, Tommaso, Robyn, Julian

Self-loving UBESter of the year given to Crispian Morris for voting for himself for the award.

23:47 – Drinks Break

Unofficial Motions

From 23:50

Formalize Unofficial Constitution for 2023 to keep in with modern conventions

Pass

Elect James Harris as the Royal Bogstalker for the Duchy of Dartmoor

Pass

Expedition Officer Sock Wrestling match handover

Pass

Presidential Mammal touching competition

Amendments: Eva nominated a Deer as the mammal for 2023/24

Pass

Nominate Jack Kanutin as the Sewage Treatment Officer

Pass

River Lake Bagging Motion

Pass

00:07 – Lake Bagging Competition

Presidential Locket Handover Ceremony

Kit and Safety officer anointment ceremony and binding of the president and vice president

00:15 – Closing Ceremony

A manic ceilidh dance called by Jack Kanutin concluded the proceedings of the AGM. Members did stay longer for conversations and singing, but chronic sleep deprivation caused the secretary to go to bed.

Approval

I confirm that the UBES AGM minutes are correct and reflect the proceedings of the meeting. We confirm that all rules and measures stipulated in the UBES Constitution and Bristol Students Union Rules were upheld and the ideals of democracy was upheld in good faith amongst the members.

Principle Signatures



James C. Harris

Secretary and

AGM Chair